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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Dominique P. BRIDON et al.

Serial No.: 09/657,276

Filing Date: September 7, 2000

For: PROTECTION OF ENDOGENOUS
THERAPEUTIC PEPTIDES FROM
PEPTIDASE ACTIVITY THROUGH
CONJUGATION TO BLOOD
COMPONENTS

Examiner: L. Q. Wells

Group Art Unit: 1619

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

AND

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAILED DECEMBER 13, 2001, PAPER 9

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action with restriction requirement, dated December 13, 2001, Paper 9, for which a response is due on January 12, 2002. A petition for a one month